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For: BINDER RESIN FOR COATING PASTE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of CN 1495205 listed on attached Form PTO/SB/08a is submitted herewith, together with a copy of a Communication from the People Republic of China Patent Office for counterpart Chinese Application No. 2004800174154 wherein the listed document was cited.

Applicant also encloses herewith a Communication from the Japanese Patent Office in counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2004-233469 citing JP Patent 4146823 and JP 2003-281935.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following:

- An English language abstract of CN 1495205 submitted herewith constitutes a concise statement of relevance of CN 1495205.
- A full machine translation of JP Patent No. 4146823 is submitted herewith, and an English language abstract submitted herewith constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP Patent No. 4146823
- A full machine translation of JP 2003-281935 is submitted herewith, and an English language abstract submitted herewith constitutes a concise statement of relevance of JP 2003-281935.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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